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NOVEL NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES ENCODING HUMAN SLIT-, MEGF-, AND ROUNDABOUT-LIKE POLYPEPTIDES

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed December 18, 2001 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before June 18, 2002. A check in the amount of \$1440.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R.  $\S 1.17(a)(4)$ , is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-540 (CURA-40). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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